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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6916 NOTE PREPARED: Feb 23, 2009

BILL NUMBER: SB 443 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Student Health Measurements.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Dillon

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State & Local

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<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> The bill requires each school corporation to (1) report certain student health data for students in grades 3, 5, and 7, to the State Department of Health (ISDH) beginning in 2010; and (2) inform the students' parents of the data collected and the right to obtain the data. The bill requires the ISDH to: (1) develop materials for the school corporation to distribute concerning body mass index; and (2) publish an annual report summarizing the data collected by the school corporations.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Annual Report:* Under the bill, the SDH would be required to publish an annual report that summarizes student growth information reported by school corporations. The SDH should be able to fulfill this provision within the existing level of resources available.

Development and Distribution of Materials: The SDH has some online information available at their website concerning body mass index (BMI). It is unknown, if the current available documentation on BMI would satisfy this provision of the bill without additional cost to produce further BMI informational materials.

<u>Background:</u> The ISDH reverted \$2.89 M in administration appropriations to the state General Fund at close of FY 2008.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Summary: Local schools would likely require additional administrative

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time to collect and report the student growth information to the ISDH. Schools able to use existing personnel and resources should be able to collect and report the required data with minimal additional expenditures. Under the bill, the information collected by schools would include a student's height, weight, ethnicity, age, and gender. There are approximately 240,000 students per year in grades 3, 5, and 7.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana State Department of Health.

Local Agencies Affected: School corporations.

<u>Information Sources:</u> Indiana State Budget Agency: *General Fund Property Tax Replacement Fund and Rainy Day Fund Summaries FY 2008;* Department of Education.

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